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U.S. MEDIA REACTION TO THE LIFTING OF THIRD COUNTRY
SANCTIONS WAS PREDOMINANTLY FAVORABLE. MOST NEWS STORIES
POINTED OUT THAT WHILE THE ADMINISTRATION "WENT TO GREAT
LENGTH" TO CAST THE ANNOUNCEMENT IN THE CONTEXT OF THE
OAS FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION, IT MUST NONE-THE-LESS BE
CONSIDERED AS A STEP TOWARD BETTER BILATERAL RELATIONS
WITH CUBA IN THE FUTURE.

EDITORIAL REACTION HAS BEEN SCANT SO FAR. NEW YORK TIMES
WELCOMED U.S. MOVE BUT POINTED OUT THAT CUBA COULD CONTRI-
BUTE TO BETTER BILATERAL RELATIONS BY REFRAINING FROM ITS
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PROPAGANDA BARRAGE, SPECIFICALLY CUBAN SUPPORT FOR PUERTO

RICAN INDEPENDENCE MOVEMENT.

MANY NEWSPAPER REPORTS INDICATED THAT LIFTING OF THIRD COUNTRY SANCTIONS HAD STRONG, THOUGH NOT UNQUALIFIED CONGRESSIONAL SUPPORT. MEDIA ALSO REPORTED THAT CUBAN EXILE COMMUNITY SPLIT IN OPINION, WITH SURPRISING NUMBER FAVORING MOVE BECAUSE THEY PERCEIVE IT AS MEASURE WHICH WILL ALLEVIATE HARDSHIPS FOR FAMILIES REMAINING IN CUBA. MAW

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